

ARTICLE 1: FULL NAME OF THE AGREEMENT

The full name of the Agreement is the Central America Discussion Agreement (the "Agreement").

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Agreement is through authorization of discussion, consultation and development of consensus to foster commerce, service and stability in the trade while maintaining the parties' freedom of competitive action.

ARTICLE 3: PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The parties to the Agreement (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Member" and jointly as the "Members") are listed in Appendix A hereto.

ARTICLE 4: GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The geographic scope of this Agreement shall extend, via direct service or transshipment, to the trade between Atlantic, Gulf and West Coast ports of the United States and inland or coastal points in the United States served via such ports, on the one hand and ports in Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Haiti and inland or coastal points in the aforementioned countries ~~Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama or Nicaragua~~ served via such ports, on the other hand (the "Trade").

ARTICLE 5: AGREEMENT AUTHORITY

5.01. The Members are authorized, but not required, to meet, exchange information or otherwise discuss their separate tariffs, rates, service items, rules and service contracts, in the Trade, and to reach consensus or agreement thereon but shall, despite any agreement, have no obligation under this Agreement to adhere, other than voluntarily, thereto. The authority of the Members includes, but is not limited to, consideration of and, subject to Article 5.03 hereof, agreement on all aspects of transportation and service in the Trade, including rates, charges, classification, practices, terms, conditions and rules and regulations applicable to transportation of cargo within the Trade and to service provided in connection therewith, notice periods for changing rates, service items, port-to-port rates, overland rates, minilandbridge rates, interior point intermodal rates, proportional rates,

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